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JUMPING FOR JESSE—A huge crowd of Jesse Jackson supporters cheered and chanted as their man gives them the victory sign. Jackson appeared at the football

stadium last week as part of a campaign tour through L.A. to drum up votes for the upcoming June 5 primary.

Jackson attracts crowd of thousands at rally

By FRANN BART and MARY CRONIN, Staff Editors

It wasn't a typical Valley College rally.

A mixed, primarily youngish crowd, estimated at close to 5,000, filled the football bleachers to hear presidential contender Jesse Jackson elaborate on why "we need more than a new president. We need a new direction."

The event was the first time a candidate had spoken at Valley since Robert F. Kennedy appeared

in 1968, said ASB President Jeff Kaplan in his opening speech.

Co-sponsored by Peace Activists for Jackson, various campus clubs, and partially funded by ASB, the rally officially began when a line of LAPD officers filed onto the field holding little black bags.

Secret servicemen, in three-piece suits and aviator glasses, paced the area while attendees were searched for hidden weapons as they came

through the gate.

The gate area was humming with people selling Jackson T-shirts, buttons, color photos, literature, and even car air fresheners bearing Jackson's picture.

In the adjacent ski jump area, the heads of policemen could be seen bobbing up between bushes as they checked out the surroundings.

At one point, a Jewish Defense League (JDL) member was caught

with a knife in his boot during a routine search. He was handcuffed by police and taken from the scene.

As the benches filled up and helicopters with searchlights circled the area, representatives from various peace groups took to the podium with brief pledges of support for Jackson.

Because Jackson's themes that night were to focus primarily on military non-intervention, many groups were Central American solidarity groups, critical of U.S. policy in El Salvador and Nicaragua.

The JDL managed to grab some more attention as a group in the audience led by their executive director, Irv Rubin, chanted anti-Jackson slogans, but were drowned out by Jackson supporters sitting around them. Rubin had intimidated to the *Star* last week that the JDL would attempt disruption because they believe Jackson is anti-semitic.

While a musical group from Central America played, the crowd became restless and scattered calls for Jackson were heard.

Marvin Zuckerman, Valley English Department chair, was one of the curious.

"Jackson is an historical personage and it's interesting to see him," he said, "although I'm for Mondale myself."

As Assemblywoman and state chairperson for Jackson, Maxine Waters (D-Los Angeles) urged the audience to vote on June 5, a Secret Serviceman appeared on the side of the podium with his hand in a jacket pocket reaching almost down to the ground, looking warily around him.

Soon, the flashing lights of an LAPD car roared dramatically onto the field, leading an entourage which included a long black limousine in the middle.

News media began running toward them as they halted directly

(Please see JACKSON, Page 3)

Spring '84 election results out for ASB officers, issues

By DAVID BOHRER, City Editor

Despite being plagued with problems in previous elections, the Associated Student Body (ASB) Spring '84 elections went on last week "without a hitch," according to Robin Pomeroy, ASB commissioner of elections.

The elections, which took place May 15-16, included ballot decisions for Fall '84 ASB executive council positions, the election of a candidate for student trustee for the L.A. Community College District, and amendments to the ASB constitution.

However, the ASB constitution questions on the ballot were deemed invalid, according to the ASB election code, because a two week acceptance period for arguments favoring and opposing the amendments were not fully allowed, according to ASB adviser Pauline Merry.

"Therefore," Merry said, "the constitution issue will be voted upon on June 4-5 along with a runoff election for treasurer, as the required 50 percent majority plus one vote did not occur in that particular race."

The constitutional amendment issues that will be decided are those that will, if approved, change the name of the ASB to the Associated Student Union (ASU) and forbid a faculty member from holding an ASB executive council office.

This last issue pertains to the case of Lee Risemberg, a part-time instructor at Valley, who currently holds the position of chief justice on the ASB council.

"I don't see that it is a problem, it has just become an issue for this semester's ASB council, although several people opposed his presence (on council) because he is a part-time instructor," said Merry of Risemberg's position.

The last issue on which students voted was in the form of a "presidential straw poll" in which votes were cast for a particular presidential candidate favored for the June 5 primary.

Results showed that of the 210 students who voted in this poll (which was open to all students), 40.5 percent favored Ronald Reagan, while both Walter Mondale and Gary Hart each received 20.5 percent of the votes. Jesse Jackson took 10 percent of the votes, leaving 8.5 percent undecided.

The elections for the ASB executive council resulted in Shawn Ulibarri as ASB president, Frank Tullo for vice-president, and a runoff for treasurer between Carol Gee and Dorothy Kaplan.

Other newly-elected candidates who ran unopposed for their position included G.C. Broderson as commissioner of intramural sports and athletics; Dana Kellstrom as commissioner of public relations; Doreen Waldman as commissioner of social activities; and Robin DeLey as commissioner of fine arts.

Chauncey Medberry, who ran for the nomination of student trustee, also ran unopposed and won the nomination with 104 votes in favor of his candidacy, and 21 against.

Although the student trustee election was open to all Valley students, "there was still a low percentage of students who voted, especially when you consider there are over 20,000 students here on campus," said Tullo.

In addition, although there are nearly 1,600 ASB members, Pomeroy said that only about 110 students voted in each of the other categories.



DENISE MORGAN / Valley Star

This is the final issue of the Valley Star for the Spring semester.

Final Examination Schedule

Spring 1984 Semester
Wednesday, June 6 - Thursday, June 14

The date of your final examination is determined by the first day and the first hour your class meets.

Final examinations MUST be held on the DAY and TIME scheduled, and in the regularly assigned classroom.

Classes which meet only one day per week (modular classes) will have their finals at the first regular class meeting time between June 6 and June 14.

Classes of less-than-semester length (4, 5, 6, 8, or 9-week classes) will have their final exam at the last meeting of the class.

All 4 p.m. and evening classes will have final exams the first class meeting after Tuesday, June 5.

All Saturday classes will have final exams on June 9 at the same time as regular class.

| CLASSES MEETING ON | 7 a.m. & 7:30 M or F | 7 a.m. & 7:30 TU or TH | 8 a.m. & 8:30 M or F | 8 a.m. & 8:30 TU or TH | 9 a.m. & 9:30 M or F | 9 a.m. & 9:30 TU or TH |
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| FINAL ON | Fri. June 8 8-10 | Tues. June 12 8-10 | Mon. June 11 8-10 | Thurs. June 14 8-10 | Wed. June 13 8-10 | Thurs. June 7 8-10 |
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| FINAL ON | Fri. June 8 10:30-12:30 | Thurs. June 14 10:30-12:30 | Wed. June 6 10:30-12:30 | Tues. June 12 10:30-12:30 | Mon. June 11 10:30-12:30 | Thurs. June 7 10:30-12:30 |
| CLASSES MEETING ON | 1 p.m. or 1:30 M or F | 1 p.m. or 1:30 TU or TH | 2 p.m. or 2:30 M or F | 2 p.m. or 2:30 TU or TH | 3 p.m. or 3:30 M or F | 3 p.m. or 3:30 TU or TH |
| FINAL ON | Fri. June 8 1-3 | Tues. June 12 1-3 | Wed. June 6 1-3 | Thurs. June 7 1-3 | Wed. June 13 1-3 | Thurs. June 14 1-3 |

In case of conflicts or for makeup exams—see instructor

—STAR EDITORIALS—

Contractual chaos

The first signs of poor workmanship in a structure are usually cracks and gaps.

For a while, the structure holds up, but eventually the cumulative effects of the flaws cause the foundation to weaken, making it ineffectual.

In the case of the L.A. Community College District, taking care of the construction needs of nine colleges simultaneously is bringing out some serious errors in planning philosophy which need to be rectified now.

A project to remodel restrooms at all nine colleges to accommodate the handicapped is still not completed after a year and half of stops and starts.

The first contractor was fired last fall due to continuous poor quality work and inadequate personnel management, according to district officials. The work, begun in December 1982, was targeted for completion September 1983.

The current contractor was to have completed the job at Valley College last January—four months ago. At this time, work at only two district colleges has been completed.

This same contractor also took it upon himself recently to lock or change the locks on the restrooms at Valley with no authorization whatsoever, causing massive inconvenience on campus. His reason? He didn't want his work "damaged" before inspection.

Along the way, district inspection officials have admitted that much of the work had to be re-done because it "wasn't right." And according to the same officials, the selection process of awarding district contracts consists of the "lowest responsible bidder" getting the job.

References "may or may not" be checked.

It would seem the district's definition of 'responsible' has a non-standard interpretation in light of the past problems with the people they've hired.

The fact that the project (which is commendable at least in its objective) is being done piecemeal by the same contractor at all the colleges makes us wonder if the real problem here isn't over-centralization in the district's structure. By their own admission, the project is "collectively a major coordination problem."

The district has always kept a tight rein over almost every aspect of the operation and maintenance of each college. We believe a loosening of that control would be more logical and cost-efficient by allowing each college to play a significant role in the hiring of contractors, direct supervision of their own campus projects to maintain continuity, and tougher quality standards.

After all, who knows the particular needs of each college better than the individual administrators and craftspeople themselves?

This situation raises the possibility of other less conspicuous district projects in which quality and money may have slipped through the gaps, leaving students, faculty, and ultimately the taxpayers unaware of what is (or isn't) going on.

The district should stick to doing what they do best—overall administration—and allow the colleges to take the burden of day-to-day supervision off their hands.

A few more cracks and the proudly self-proclaimed 'largest two-year college system in the world' could become a huge structural disaster down the line.

FDA failure

Who is watching the watchers?

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) primary goal is to protect the health of Americans by making sure they are not buying dangerous or ineffective foods or medicines.

However, the extreme negligence shown by the FDA in the recent E-Ferol Aqueous Solution incident makes us wonder if that organization doesn't perhaps need a watchdog to keep an eye on it.

Thirty-eight infants died, reportedly because of this drug, while the FDA, which had full knowledge of the problems it was causing, neglected to take it off the market.

The solution was being used without FDA approval, and when notification was made to the FDA about the unauthorized use of the drug, no attempt was made to correct the situation other than the issuance of a perfunctory confirmation that the drug, indeed, had

not been approved.

As long ago as last October, notification about the potential dangers of the drug was made to the FDA, but no action was taken until seven months had gone by and 38 premature infants had died.

None of the deaths was necessary. If the FDA had listened to the first warning, it could have prevented the November, 1983 nationwide distribution of the solution.

This is just one example of a government agency grown too large and cumbersome to effectively fulfill its commitment to the American consumer.

The FDA is failing in its responsibility to guard the health of Americans against the whims of food and drug manufacturers.

And if they are not watching out for us, who will?

Child care center

Summer session squeeze-out

By PATRICIA MURCH, Staff Writer

That no one promised the world to be a just and reasonable place is becoming more evident daily.

We have on campus this semester at least 120 parents who are striving valiantly to break free of the cycle of poverty and despair by improving their chances of survival through

reasonable and the needs of the parents recognized.

However, there always remains the ability of individual campuses to revise budgets. There are two possible sources which may wish to give the center some consideration—the college budget and the ASB.

"Their collective pursuit is to climb up from unemployment compensation, welfare assistance, . . . and become self-sufficient, taxpaying, contributing members of society."

education. Their collective pursuit is to climb up from unemployment compensation, welfare assistance, or just minimum wage jobs and become self-sufficient, taxpaying, contributing members of society.

Yet, these people will be unable to attend classes scheduled during the summer because the child care center will not be able to accommodate their children.

The funding of the center results from a complex filtering system begun by the state budget through the Department of Education to the state college fund and the nine community colleges in the district. Apportionment is annually negotiated for each academic year. Colleges continue to be in stress due to lack of state financial support. When the summer session was discussed, funds were limited and already allocated for other purposes even though the proposed amount was

It's not too late. If a source could absorb the cost of utilities and maintenance, and if nutrition (an already available summer child care food funds vendored through a valley grantee and reimbursed by State and Federal funds—not a budgetary item) is paid, the balance would only be about \$10,000. This is sufficient to run a small program for 30 children with two teachers and a director.

"... funds were limited and already allocated for other purposes even though the proposed amount was reasonable and the needs of the parents recognized."

Dr. Mary Lee, LAVC president, feels it is a worthy project yet her hands are tied. Her primary purpose is to provide adult training.

Are the costs justified? Lawrence J. Schweinhart states, "Citing the following findings (High/Scope

Educational Research Studies) in proposals to funding agencies and at public hearings will help the public and the officials who serve them to become better aware of the value of such programs.

"Children who went to preschool had higher scores on achievement tests and were more strongly committed to schooling. Their parents were better satisfied with their school performance. As teenagers, those with preschool were less involved in delinquent activities. There is even preliminary evidence that they were better able to avoid dropping out of high school and committing crimes, and as adults better able to avoid unemployment and the need for welfare assistance."

Now consider whether the world is just. At the present time, there is an active campaign to entice high school graduates to Valley College. At the same time, there are already here and wanting to be allowed to continue, 120 Valley students and their children who will be denied admittance to school and thereby denied admittance to a better life, simply because the child care center for summer session has closed its doors.

Letters to the Star

'Equal opportunity'

Dear Editor:

Concerning the editorial in your May 17, 1984 edition ("Funding Fairness Forgotten"), I think that you may have missed the mark in reporting on how "fair" the Associated Student Body (ASB) Executive Council may or may not be regarding political events at Valley College.

I believe it should be pointed out that the proposal to fund the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) event was first sponsored by Patrick Leary, then YAF Senator, and myself, and passed by the entire Senate. The motion then went to the Executive Council and was passed

by a majority of the council. The motion was vetoed by the then acting ASB President, Steve Appell, who felt that funding the YAF event would be setting a dangerous precedent in that clubs who staged political events and could not afford the related costs would then come to the ASB each and every time.

The proposal was brought back to the council in the form of a loan and was again passed. The funding did not go through, however, due to the timing of the event and the inner-workings of the ASB Finance Committee, which would have had to determine which ASB account the money would come from and acts semi-autonomous of the council.

I find it unfortunate that the YAF event was not given the attention it should have been and can understand the YAF's feelings concerning the whole situation. I also find it un-

fortunate that there are some individuals who based their support for either the YAF event or the Jesse Jackson event on political attitudes, but please be aware that this is not the feeling of most of the ASB officers. There is an overwhelming number of both liberal and conservative student leaders who support both events and all points of view being given equal opportunity to be heard on this campus.

I also believe that Star readers should be aware that the Star does not have a regular correspondent assigned to cover the ASB and often many ASB Executive Council and Senate meetings are not being attended by Star representatives and this practice, more often than not, leads to many facts being taken out of context and misconstrued.

Mike Higby
ASB Senate President Pro-Tempore

Olfactory obsession

To smell is human, to scent is American

By LISA SHAMES, View Editor

The women's liberation movement has got its focus of emphasis in the wrong place. There is another cause out there which is just as important as equal rights for women. And this one is right under our noses, and I mean literally.

All you have to do is watch afternoon TV one day, thumb through a ladies magazine, or go to your nearest Sav-On to catch my drift.

What's wrong with smelling like a woman?

Obviously, to many people there is something wrong with this. No, I'm not some crazy fanatic who hasn't bathed in months and who refuses to use any commercial products on my body. I am just tired of being told what products I need to use to be a better woman.

Everywhere you look there is some concerned woman telling us how wonderful so-and-so tampons are or how lovely so-and-so douches are. If creatures from another planet could watch our TV, they would probably think all women talk about is the benefits of tampons all day.

Come on, confess. How often do you have tampon debates with your friends? That's what I thought.

If you want a good laugh, take a look at the packaging for some of these "women's" products—douches in particular.

Besides having more flavors than 31 Flavors, all these products claim to be "natural." How can putting chemicals in your body be natural?

Another issue I'm curious about is why all these packages are covered with zillions of flowers. I don't see what douching and beautiful flowers have in common. Oh well, maybe Cathy Rigby could tell me.

Men have it made. All they need, according to advertising, to be a "real" man is deodorant, aftershave, and cologne. ??

"A clean fresh floral fragrance that leaves you feeling confident and relaxed," said one douche package. Can a douche really do all that? I must be doing something wrong.



There's even a new product on the market now that instead of picking a particular part of a woman's body to attack, they have called their product a "Body Spray." With names like "Instantly Innocent," "Delightfully Darling," "Suddenly Sassy," and "Mysterious Musk," this body spray is to be used on the "arms, legs, back, stomach, and underarms."

"Its fragrance will linger on your body for a feeling of tingling freshness and enticing femininity." "Tingling freshness?" They've got to be kidding.

I'm sure in the not so distant future, we will see a body spray that smells like female sweat. It's for women who don't exercise but want people to think they do. (Hold on Proctor & Gamble, it's my idea!)

I'm not saying we should reject all these products and not use perfumes ever again. I just think it is better to smell like a human body instead of a redwood forest or a strawberry sundae.

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and, if possible, publish letters from its readers. The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Letters submitted should be limited to 350 words and are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, or religious denigrations. Letters should be signed, and, if applicable, include student's major and ID number. Bring letters to the Valley Star office, Business Journalism 114, by 11 a.m. Monday for the following Thursday.

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Lack of funds cause marchers to disband

By JENNIFER KONZE, Assoc. View Editor

An erosion of support from the Valley administration is one of the many reasons that the marching band was cancelled, according to Music Department Chairman Richard Carlson.

The decision was made by the music department. But the department chairman and the band director, Irwin A. Pope, professor of music, made the initial cancellation proposal.

"For the past three years the band has been having trouble financially," said Ted Lynn, professor of music.

The ASB didn't give the band any money until the end of last year, according to Lynn.

Football game attendance has been poor, and since it takes a lot of work to put a marching band together for the games the question for Lynn was, "What am I doing here?"

The work that Pope, marching band director for the past two years, puts into the band is above and beyond the call of duty, said Lynn.

"No one seemed to care what he (Pope) was doing," was another of Lynn's reasons for the marching band's dismissal.

"For the past two years, he (Pope) has been knocking his head against the wall," Carlson said.

At one time the district used to pay the band directors a little extra money for working the weekends. This went with the budget cuts.

There is no money to clean the uniforms or to take the band to competitions, said Pope.

The uniforms that the marching band had were on their last year. To replace them would mean about \$250 per uniform for at least 100 uniforms, said Carlson.

And, according to Pope, a lot of the music equipment is in need of replacement or repair, and the music department is working with a very limited budget.

"It was my decision in conjunction with the department chairman," said Pope.

Pope feels that a band club is possible.

"Valley College has been known for its fine marching band as well as other musical groups," he said.

"The problem is to keep it organized as a credit and not an embarrassment."

Another problem that has faced the marching band is lack of enrollment. The high schools are not turning out as many musicians as they used to, according to Pope.

The marching band students were not formally notified of the cancellation. "There wasn't any public announcement. It was announced by not being in the fall schedule," said Pope.

"There was no way to tell the marching band because they only meet as a class during the fall," said Carlson. The wind ensemble, the spring equivalent to the marching band, is not made up of the same people.

"In all due respect, it is out of the student's hands and it is almost out of my hands," said Carlson.

Jackson . . . (Continued from page 1)

in front of the crowd, and Jackson emerged waving and smiling to the crowd who had already started screaming his campaign slogan, "Run Jesse, Run!"

In a campaign which has been marked by either long delays, unannounced cancellations, and no-shows, this appearance by Jackson was unusual in that it was right on schedule.

As Jackson sat on stage taking notes, more supporters, including actor Martin Sheen, spoke before he finally took the mike.

In a hoarse, resonant voice, Jackson kept most of the crowd entranced during his half-hour speech, as he rhythmically punctuated his themes with slogans such as John Lennon's "Give peace a chance," "We need a change," and "Our time has come."

"This is the most cost-effective campaign in the history of this nation," he said to audience laughter. "We raised slightly over 2½ million votes—99 cents a vote. If Mondale and Hart had my budget, they couldn't compete."

Frequently starting quietly and building to a crescendo, Jackson repeated lines over and over. "Yes! Yes!" called an enraptured woman in the crowd.

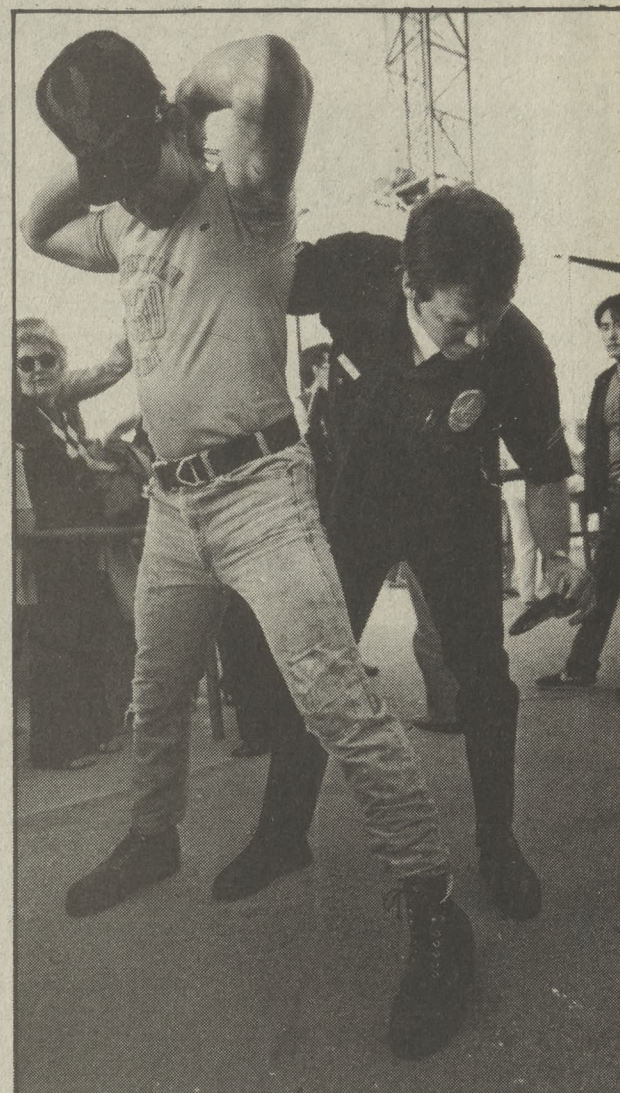
Speaking of his "rainbow coalition,"—minorities such as Hispanics, Jews, Arabs, and Blacks, Jackson evoked biblical imagery ("just beyond the flood, there is a rainbow").

Poverty ("feeding over fighting") was another theme, and while Jackson urged voters to "save the children," a baby cried from the front row.

Jackson came out against the MX missile project and the expected non-intervention issue, as well as touching upon head-of-household single mothers and revisions in delegate selection for the presidency.

After exhorting the crowd to chant "give peace a chance" with him, Jackson shook hands with his supporters on stage and quickly drove off into the night.

"I was impressed with his broad coalition here," said Sylvia Lubow, Valley professor of history, as she walked out with the rest of the crowd. "He raises issues nobody else does. Great theater!"



JEFF SHARE / Valley Star

ARRESTING EXPERIENCE—JDL member Danny Ben Nachum gets caught carrying a knife in his boot at last week's Jesse Jackson rally here. Ben Nachum was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.



MAKING A SCENE—Angry crowd members react to JDL rally by yelling and chanting. JEFF SHARE / Valley Star

members (foreground) who attempted to disrupt the Jackson

AFT salary settlement due

By MARY CRONIN, Managing Editor

After months of negotiations, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the L.A. Community College District (LACCD) are "getting closer" to salary settlements for both the Faculty and Staff Guilds.

According to AFT Acting President Marty Hittelman, a settlement of the salary issues could come in the next week. However, agreement

on the fringe benefits portion of the new contracts is further away.

The last district proposal for a faculty salary increase of 2 percent retroactive to March 26, 1984 is "unacceptable," said Hittelman, but he was optimistic about a salary agreement in the very near future.

Negotiations on a fringe benefit package are being delayed while the

union polls its members on the desirability of a new medical insurance plan proposed by the district.

The faculty guild, which has been working without a pay increase for almost three years, signed a contract last fall which allowed for re-opening of negotiations when community college funding was released from Sacramento.

According to Hittelman, the contract for the staff guild will take longer than the one for faculty because a whole new contract must be written.

The staff guild, which voted last summer to become part of AFT, has been working since then without a contract.

An extra negotiation meeting will be held today, said Hittelman, in addition to the normally scheduled Friday meeting.

News Notes

TELEVISION CLASSES

Four summer school classes will be available on television beginning June 25. Classes are tuition-free and transferable. Programs and registration information can be obtained by calling (818) 901-8935.

FOLK DANCE PARTY

The International Rendezvous Folk Dance Club will hold a 10 year anniversary party at the LAVC Field House on Saturday, June 9 from 8 p.m. to midnight. The NAMA Orchestra will provide live music for folk dancing. Admission is \$5 and includes refreshments. More information can be obtained by calling 988-8911.

\$1000 IN GRANTS

The Aetna Life and Casualty Foundation is providing \$1000 to Valley's Mathematic Department for grants to minorities and women who are under-represented in the fields of science, mathematics, and engineering. For more information, see Mr. Friedman in MS 104F.

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Summer school registration appointments can be picked up at the West Counter in the Administration Building, Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

ASB will hold a fundraiser dance for the Valley Athletic Department on Thursday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall. A rock band and break dancers will be featured. Donation is \$5, and tickets are available in CC102.

JEWISH COMEDY

"Table Settings," a comedic look at a Jewish family plays May 31, June 1, 2, 7, and 8 at 8:30 p.m. in the Horseshoe Theatre. General admission is \$4, \$3 for students, and \$2 for senior citizens.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library will be closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday for the Memorial Day holiday. During finals, library hours will be June 5 through 7 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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ELECTIONS June 4 & 5, 1984

Voting on:
Constitutional Amendments (the revisions for the Constitution). The old and revised constitutions may be viewed in CC100 or CC102.

Pro and Con arguments must be filed no later than 12 noon, June 2.

**ALL ASB MEMBERS
MAY VOTE**

**MAKE YOUR VOTE
COUNT!**

Two staffers involved in Agent Orange claim

By FRANN BART, News Editor

For Bob Martin and Lou Albert, the Vietnam War never really ended.

Both Martin, an instructional media assistant in the Learning Center, and Albert, associate professor of health education, are plaintiffs in the recent Agent Orange settlement in which seven chemical companies agreed to pay \$180 million into a trust fund for Vietnam veterans exposed to the toxic defoliant.

The veterans—Americans, Australians, and New Zealanders—who served from 1961 to 1972, filed the massive class action suit seven

years ago. About 16,000 vets and their immediate families are registered as potential Agent Orange victims.

The U.S. government routinely sprayed the herbicide dioxin to kill jungle foliage and enemy cover. The veterans claim that they, as well as their spouses and offspring, are ex-

periencing health problems related to the exposure. Some of the ailments include various cancers, chloracne (a skin condition), liver and tissue damage, and genetic damage contributing to miscarriages, birth defects, and uterine cancer.

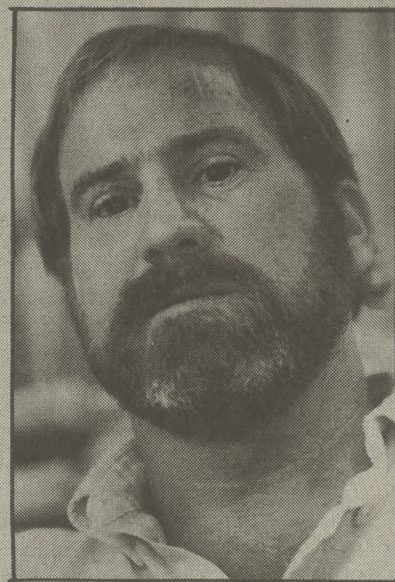
Both Martin and Albert said they are bitter about what they feel was deliberate withholding of information by the drug companies and government while the spray was being used.

"A lot of Vietnam was mass confusion," said Martin. "The planes came over frequently and sprayed. We thought they were spraying for mosquitos. We didn't know toxic chemicals were being dumped around us and we weren't told."

A recurring skin rash on different parts of his body has plagued Martin since his return. The V.A. centers are testing those who believe their ailments are related, he said, but the government will not do specific liver and tissue biopsies. (Dioxin is absorbed through the tissues.)

"The government still won't acknowledge that there are any repercussions from Agent Orange," he said. He is also angry about the way the claim was settled, he said.

"As far as I'm concerned, it was a sell-out. It was settled one day before the court hearing—obviously the chemical companies didn't want their documents opened up in court. A related incident which recently came to light was the discovery that the son of Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, who ordered the spraying of Agent Orange during the war, has advanced lymph cancer and may have caused a birth defect in his own son. Both the admiral and his son acknowledged the link to Agent Orange."



LOU ALBERT
JEFF SHARE / Valley Star

Albert served in the Marine Corps during 1966. He said he is very anxious to see specific results of more intensive testing. He suffered from blisters and bleeding during the war and said he now has symptoms of health problems which he declined to identify until he is certain they are related to the exposure.

"I'm angered and bitter about it," he said. "We're not getting answers. If it's in my tissues, I want to know."

Disbursement of the funds has not yet been worked out and will only go to vets who have very obvious signs of Agent Orange-related problems, according to Albert.

"The government obviously doesn't want to claim liability for this. Do we have to wait a few generations before the ecological and physical consequences take effect? It's been a fear (having children) for me. There's so much uncertainty."

'Small world' for McCreary

By NORMA ISELA NEVAREZ, Staff Writer

It seems fitting that Kathleen McCreary has just been appointed by the Lt. Governor to a special task force for women.

After all, for the past three years, the director of Valley College's Child Development Center has been running one of the most diverse programs—one of only seven night child care centers—in the state.

According to McCreary, the "Commission on Economic Development on the Feminization of Poverty," will determine how to help women with minor-aged children who are "currently consuming the poverty rolls."

McCreary possesses an inherent drive to meet the needs of children, their care, and the needs of their mothers, who like herself, are single parents.

This, however, is only one of many assignments for the center's administrator, who started the evening child care program at Valley in the late 1970's.

Her list of professional affiliation positions include: the California Child Development Administrators Association, the California Children's Lobby, the State Department of Education Funding Consortium on Child Development, and locally, the San Fernando Valley Child Consortium. Currently, she is the president-elect of California Community College Early Childhood Education.

At the center, McCreary is responsible for the supervision of "highly qualified" certificated teachers, the training of student aides (from Valley and interns from other colleges), and all the paperwork—the part she said she likes least about her job.

In spite of her busy schedule, McCreary said, "I do have time for my own kids. I make sure that I spend 'quality' time with them, and twice a year I bring them to work with me to spend a 'day at work with mom'."

At home, her four children help her prepare teaching materials.

The oldest, 18-year-old Marie, was, at 12, the only child to testify before a statewide blue ribbon com-

mission hearing on the need for child care.

"She just rode her bike right up to the hearing and testified," said McCreary.

Born in Washington D.C. and raised in California, McCreary was the oldest of two children. She grew up, she recalled, in a very conservative and rigid family atmosphere.

"I'm not sure why I'm liberal, myself, but as I grew up I took on my parent's philosophy of making this a better world to live in," she said.

And she intends to make this world a better place to live—for children.

"I am so saddened when I stop to think about how people, because of anxieties and frustrations, abuse their children," she said.

McCreary also has "strong feelings" about the recent Manhattan Beach pre-school case in which the owner and at least six others are suspected of child molestation.

This type of situation can be prevented, she said, by having unannounced visits at each school site, and making sure responsible task forces oversee children's rights.

"A child cannot vote, he cannot lobby for himself—so it becomes our responsibility to guarantee protection."

She believes that there should be more parent education in such as instruction on how to recognize sudden or abnormal behavior in their children and how to best select a pre-school.

McCreary, who also serves on the State Chancellor's Community College Advisory Committee, said that if she should ever leave her position as center director she might seek something in the area of policy-making in children's needs, because she believes she now has acquired an "understanding of the political structure."

However, in the meantime: "I'm keeping busy with current and new projects for next year."



CHILD CARING—Kathleen McCreary, director of Valley's Child Development Center, keeps an eye on two of her charges. The center cares for children whose parents attend classes on campus.

Puppets travel to Europe for special educational program

By LAURA TANIS, Staff Writer

Last February, Valley College Instructor Betsy Brown packed her companions into boxes.

She was about to embark upon a journey to Europe and the success of her venture depended on the different characters resting inside.

In the boxes were puppets and they had six weeks of instructing and entertaining ahead of them.

Brown was headed to Germany to teach and perform for students at elementary and high schools situated on U.S. military bases.

A puppetry teacher at Valley for the past 14 years, Brown, along with six other artist/teachers specializing in visual and performing arts, was selected for this special educational service by a Department of Defense-related program.

The program, which took place earlier this year, was designed to assist instructors with their teaching skills and to integrate their own par-

ticular art form into a curriculum.

"The puppet is just about the finest educational tool in the world because it bridges all age, social, and language barriers," said Brown. "Children will relate to a puppet beautifully."

The students were very enthusiastic about making puppets, designing stages, and putting on performances, she said. "They were so hungry for the arts."

One of her fondest memories of Germany was when the high school students performed a show to Michael Jackson's "Thriller," and to "Flashdance" with three-dimensional puppets.

"When the shadow puppets of break dancers came on stage, the audience just roared," said Brown. "The students did a fantastic job. I've never seen such a fabulous group of dedicated kids."

Brown's puppetry class, Child

Development 5, is geared toward enhancing verbal and visual communication skills, organizing story lines, constructing stage and sets, rehearsing improvised dialogue, and performing.

"There is a wonderful mixture of reasons for taking puppetry," she said. Among her students are librarians, nurses, and psychiatrists.

Brown has been active with puppetry for over 50 years. She teaches a clown class in the fall community services program, as well as at CSUN, and performs every week at various libraries for young children.

"I had always been interested in theater but decided I didn't have the push or fight that it takes," she said. "However, when I saw Tony Sarg's first puppet show in 1932 as a teenager, I told myself that was what I was going to do."



PUPPET-MOTION—Puppetry Instructor Betsy Brown shows student Cecilia Martinez the right moves for her puppet.

Employers represented at Job Fair

By EUGENE HERNANDEZ, Staff Writer

"All I need is a chance, and today's job fair has helped me find a more direct path toward my career goals," said Pat Aliano, a banking and finance student at Valley College.

He was just one of the many students hoping to find that "direct path" at the annual Job Fair held at Valley last Tuesday.

Yuki Fukumoto, of the L.A. Unified School District, was one of

the many representatives willing to give potential employees a chance.

"The school district needs teachers. Many people don't realize that there is a real shortage of qualified teachers, especially in the inner city schools and a need for bilingual teachers," she said.

The L.A. Police Department was represented by personnel recruiter Judy Jacobs who said she had a very

favorable response to the fair.

"Our response from the students is quite positive. No longer are we being avoided by students, and women seem to be more interested in the police department," she said.

Judging from the overall responses from many of the students and representatives, the job fair was a success and many are looking forward to the next one.

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Renewed youth in return to college

By LISA SHAMES, View Editor

Want to see Bob Roth run? Just mention bingo, or worse yet, shuffleboard and watch him take off.

Bob is more than simply a Valley College student; he is also part of a growing group of students here. He is a senior citizen, but don't tell him that.

"When I retired my doctor told me I should get a hobby," he said. So he went to a local senior citizen center. When the lady there told him of the "wonderful" activities they have such as shuffleboard and bingo, he was less than thrilled.

"I ran out like a crazy man," he said. "Those people there are old people. They looked like zombies. I want to be with young people."

Schools are nothing new to Bob, 69. Before retiring, he was a teacher at various schools in the L.A. area. During his lifetime he has gone to numerous universities

while he was still teaching. He started taking Spanish courses at night which he thought would help his teaching.

After retiring, he started taking day classes, where he finds the atmosphere "friendlier."

Bob has opinions ranging from liberal to old-fashioned.

He refers to his experience in World War II in the South Pacific as very traumatic and said he can empathize with the Vietnam vets of today.

"In my day it wasn't fashionable [to have negative feelings about fighting in a war]," he said. "But when we came home we were heroes, when they [Vietnam vets] came home, they came home to hostility."

When it comes to family life, Bob calls himself an "old moralist."

"The family life is like an anchor. Without it one just floats



BOB ROTH

DENISE MORGAN / Valley Star

and earned many degrees including a degree in music, a M.A., and various credentials.

"I am educated beyond my capabilities," he laughed.

So why is Bob back in school? Besides his enjoyment of being around young people ("it makes me feel younger"), he finds that now he can take the courses he "hungered" to take when he was younger.

And besides, he said, "I still have all my teeth. I want something intellectual to chew on."

Although schools are very familiar to Bob, they are not his first love; music is. He originally wanted to be a singer, and sent himself through college singing in temples and churches.

After graduating with a degree in music and finding a lack of jobs in that field, Bob decided to look for something different and continued his education.

Bob is now finding time for his first love as he plays the violin and viola in Valley's orchestra.

Bob first came to Valley in '74

free on the sea."

Bob himself has been married for "82 years." "Forty-one for my wife and 41 for me," he said trying hard to keep from smiling.

Languages have been a big part of his curriculum at Valley, including Italian, Spanish, French. "I feel like I'm back at home," he said. "I grew up around different accents."

Being a senior citizen and a student has not led to any real difficulties for Bob, although he has found differences between himself and his "younger" classmates.

"I have something they want—desire for learning and good study habits," he said. "And they have what I want—a good memory ability."

Ninety-eight units later with a grade-point average of 3.6, Bob is still anxious to keep on.

"I want to 'live' the rest of my years," he said, "not like those people playing shuffleboard, all bent over with a dull stare in their eyes. That's a fate worse than death."

The key to youth is mental medicine



ONE ARM PUSH-UPS—At age 66, Mo Endman proves that growing old is in the mind, not the body.

JOHN KRILL / Valley Star

By DIANE HARBOUR, Sports Editor

"I have V.D.," said 66-year-old Mo Endman. "And not only that, but I train on LSD and PCP. Without it, I'm a walking dead man and with it, it's like being born again."

Mo isn't talking about what you think he is talking about. "I have V.D. and train on LSD and PCP in the sense that I go out walking or jogging for Long Slow Distances which enhances Pulmonary Cardiac Performance which rids you of Vitality Deficiency."

Mo is the oldest P.E. student in the history of Valley College. He graduated from Valley 'Summa Cum Laude' with six merit awards and two scholarships and since then has been a full-time volunteer on campus.

"Age doesn't slow you down . . . it's like a good wine or a good woman, they both get better with age," said Mo. "The more you practice anything the better you get."

He also has established three unchallenged records in the athletic department—82 consecutive "one arm push-ups" (he's left handed so he disadvantages himself by using his right hand), rope jumping 500 jumps in 2.57 minutes, and 137 push-ups in a 60 second period.

Prior to retiring, Mo had his own jewelry business. He was forced to retire due to heart problems.

"In 1973 I suffered my first cardiac arrest," he said. In 1975 he suffered a second cardiac arrest and was in intensive care.

"I had a complete respiratory failure and was totally dependent upon an iron lung. My wife didn't give up on me even though I was medically dead and the doctors had no hope of my recovery. On the third day I started breathing on my own."

Life was a new challenge to face alone. His niece suggested that he should get involved with the activities at Valley College for senior citizens instead of dwelling on loneliness. Although a local resident since 1948, not once had he set foot on the campus grounds until 1977.

"The Fall of 1977 I went to Bungalow 49 and attended the meetings for senior citizens for approximately eight weeks. I got involved with acupuncture pressure classes and also hypnosis to try to alleviate the physical pain I was in," said Mo.

"I went out on the track and couldn't even do one-half lap walking. I was in such poor physical condition . . . I was a walking dead man that breathed. My idol who has been on this campus for 29 years, athletic instructor Nick Giovino, recommended that I read 'New Aerobics' by Dr. Cooper."

With self motivation and a consistent pace that he set for himself, Mo completed a walking program within four months despite the physical ailments he had.

Mo said, "I don't worry about what I can't use, but use what I have. I'm not a shell of a man anymore—I'm full, complete, and alive again."

As a result of the physical mobility he gained from the walking program, he in turn enrolled as a student with a P.E. major in two jogging classes and one weight training class in the summer of 1978.

He continued as a student and challenged himself by taking 11 P.E. classes in one semester and five jogging plus three yoga in the next semester. In one year Mo had completed 65 subjects of which 57 were in P.E. He accomplished 755 miles in his first jogging class.

Mo arrives at Valley at approximately 7:45 a.m. daily and makes coffee in the office of the Men's Gym. He claims the coaches, both male and female, as his brothers and sisters and the students on campus as his family.

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Valley sends 3 to state finals

By DIANE HARBOUR, Sports Editor

Three Southern California finalists will be competing in the state track and field final meet this Saturday in Bakersfield.

After successfully rising above and beyond the rounds of prior preliminaries, Yvette Maufas, Simone Vanegmont, and Michelle Whipper have proven that women are also strong competitors.

"The last three years our women have qualified for the state meet," said Assistant Coach James Harvey. "State is an individual performance

and I expect them to do even better."

The finals for Southern California were held at Cerritos on May 18. Michael Dawson competed for Valley and established new school records in the intermediate hurdles; 2.6 (old record 54.6) and the high hurdles; 14.2 (old record 15.8). He missed qualifying for state by fractions of a second.

Also representing the men was Bryan Mergenthal who competed in the high jump, but did not qualify

for state.

The events in which Valley's athletes qualified for the state in were; Maufas-high jump and hurdles, Vanegmont-high jump, and Whipper-long jump.

According to Head Coach Mark Covert, Maufas has the ability to win at state with at least a second in the high jump and third or fourth placing in the hurdles.

"Simone must jump better to place at state—at least 5'8", said

Covert. "If Michelle can get a good jump she could jump 19'6" and better. All three have done very well this season and I anticipate them doing really well at the meet."

When Muckey was questioned about who was the most valuable player, most important, hardest working, on the baseball team, he refrained from answering due to the announcements and presentations not being made until this evening at a team barbecue.

Baseball team finishes second

By DIANE HARBOUR, Sports Editor

Valley's baseball team finished their season in winning fashion. After hovering around the 500 mark, they won 10 of their last 13 games to finish second in the Mountain Valley Conference (22-17 overall, 16-9 in conference).

According to Head Coach Scott Muckey, the key to the turnaround was defense and the key to the defense was pitching.

Relief pitcher Dave Cossairt and outfielder Bob Hernandez were inserted into the starting rotation joining John Reilly to provide the stingy pitching Valley needed. Also relief ace Don Spadoni collected one win and four saves over the last 12 games. "Early in the year we had trouble holding teams down," said

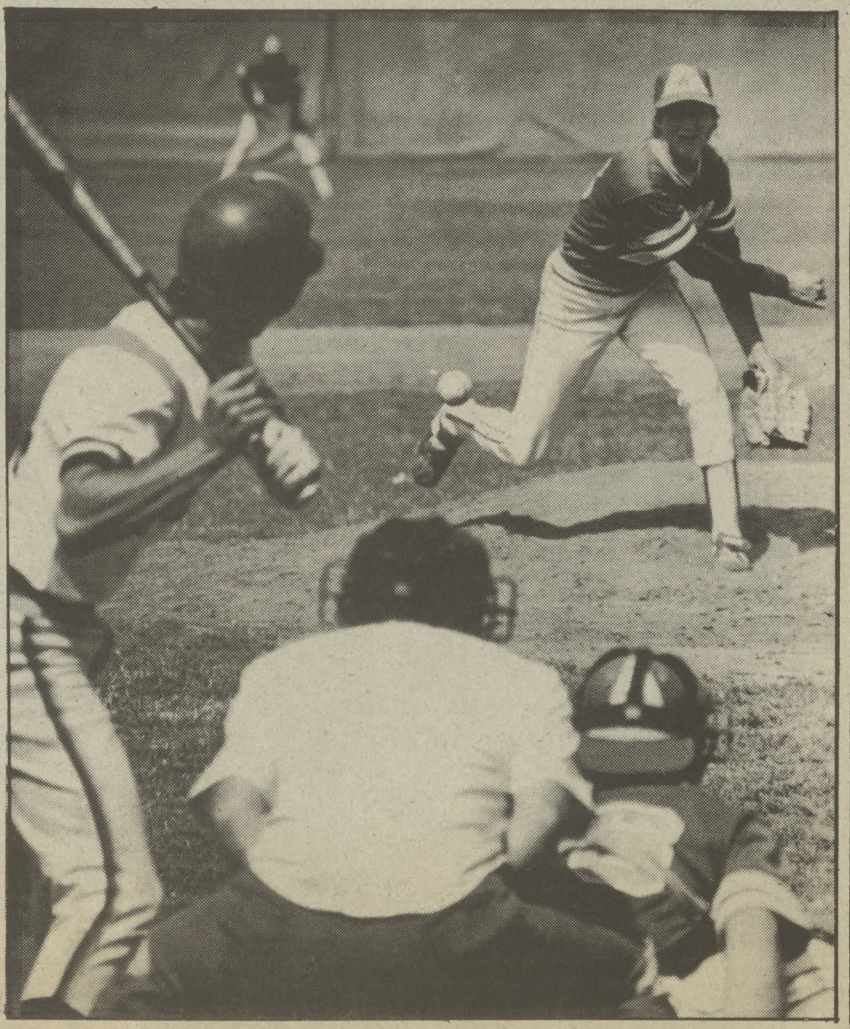
Muckey. "We could score, but often that wasn't enough. At mid-season we were able to drastically cut down on errors, walks and extra base hits."

Muckey stated that they were happy with their offense and that they consistently put runs on the board all year long. Leading the way were outfielder Bill Carlson, (.361 28 RBI), first baseman Ray Jones, (.366 33 RBI), pitcher Bob Hernandez, (.357 36 RBI), and best batter Vince Muccitelli, (.338 37 RBI).

This is the second year in a row that the team has placed second in the Mountain Valley Conference League and they anticipate repeating if not improving their record next season.



MUSCLES IN ACTION—Quarterback Vahak Mardikian (far left) and the offensive line-up for Valley are in training for the fall football season.



STINGY PITCHING—Relief pitcher, Dave Cossairt, freshman, zeroing in on home base during Valley vs. Mission game.

Sports Brief

SWIM

State swimming meet results for women: Janine Scollard-100 individual medley, 5th place (1:02.9), 50 yard breaststroke, 10th place (33.43) and 100 yard butterfly, 8th place (1:01.4). Sheri McMahon, 5th in the 3-meter diving.

The results for men: Bob Frappia-7th in the 1,650 yard (mile) freestyle (16:47.2)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Head Coach Dick Clement will be the assistant coach next season. Cami Crouch was chosen the conference league MVP and the female athlete of the month for Valley College. Katie Barton received an Honorable Mention from the league.

Monarchs prepare for fall season

By DAVID BRODY, Staff Writer

Since February 2, the Monarch football team has been in training for the fall season, working out for three hours a day, four days a week.

This program will continue through the summer, said Head Coach Chuck Ferrero. "It's the toughest off-season program of all the community colleges in California," he said.

The team finished strong in the '83-84 season, with a 4-2-0 record behind crosstown rival Pierce College's 5-1-0.

"We came in second in the Southern California Conference," said Ferrero. "It's a balanced league. Anybody can win."

The strength of the team this season will be in the "leadership from the returning sophomores, and the dedication and improvements in the off-season program," said Ferrero. The weaknesses will be with the freshman linebackers and defensive secondary because so many of the sophomores were signed to four-

year schools, he added. "We've got some holes to fill," he said.

Of all the two-year colleges in California, Valley is one of the "top three" in the number of players snapped up by four-year colleges. "Every starter was recruited to a university," said the coach.

Ferrero commented about the new season: "I believe we have a very good chance to be a championship caliber team with the help of the incoming freshmen."

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HIT THE SLOPES— Paul Bernstein and Darryl Leyden take a run down Monarch Mountain on a day when the temperatures reached nearly 100 degrees, as part of their snow skiing class.

Hidden in the schedule of classes are some physical education (P.E.) courses which are a bit out of the ordinary.

Students do not have to compete in football, basketball, or the like, to enjoy P.E.

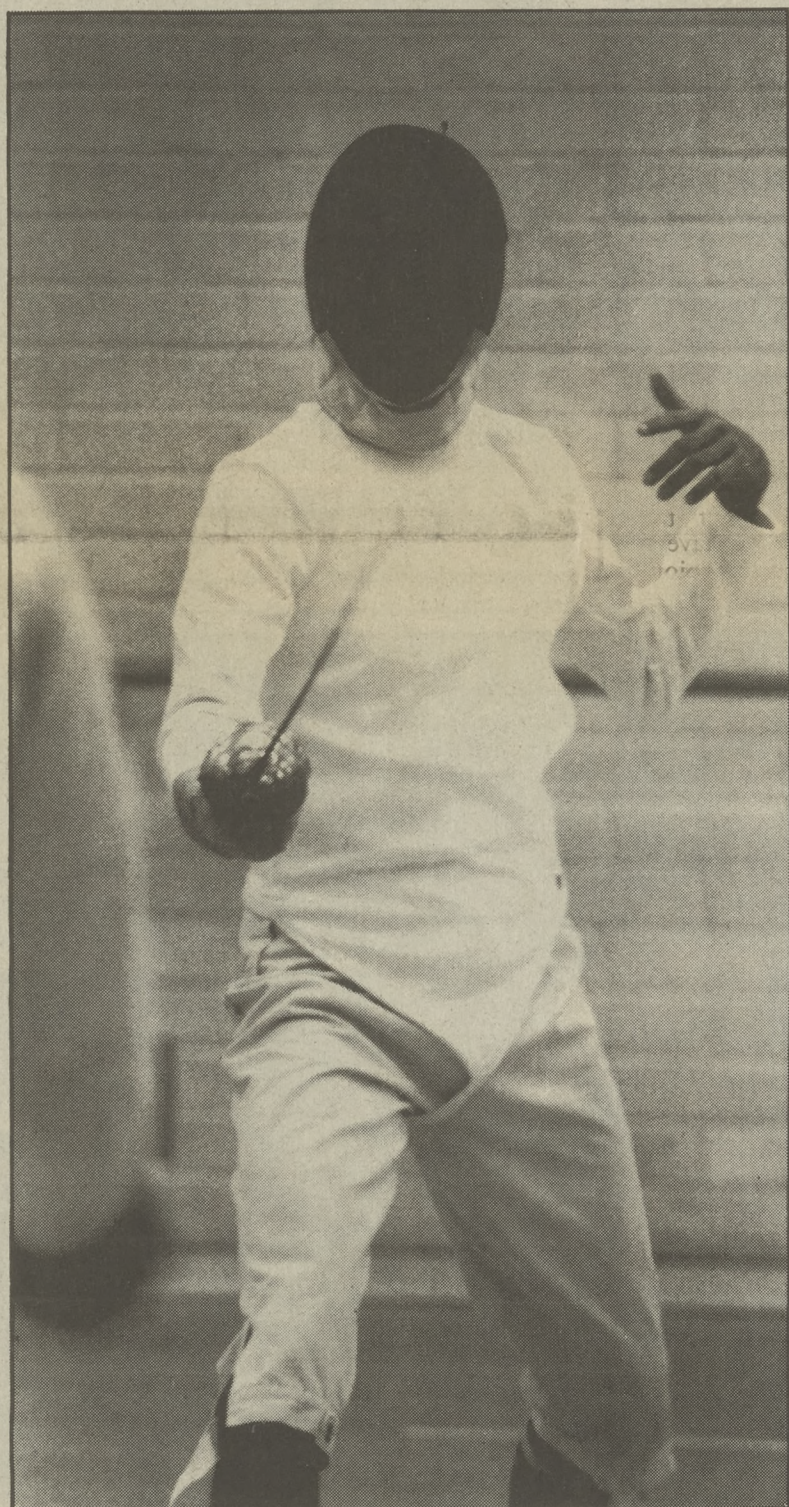
They can learn fencing, bowling table tennis, or golf. They can study snow skiing on days when the temperature is soaring to 100 degrees.

Some enjoy a dance class or a good round of tennis. Or what about a fast-paced game of racquetball?

A few learn to be lifeguards, or to teach swimming and water safety.

For those who want to get in shape, there are several types of exercise classes—from aerobics and weight training to aqua exercise and body conditioning.

Whatever the interests, the fall schedule offers a wide variety of physical education choices for Valley students.

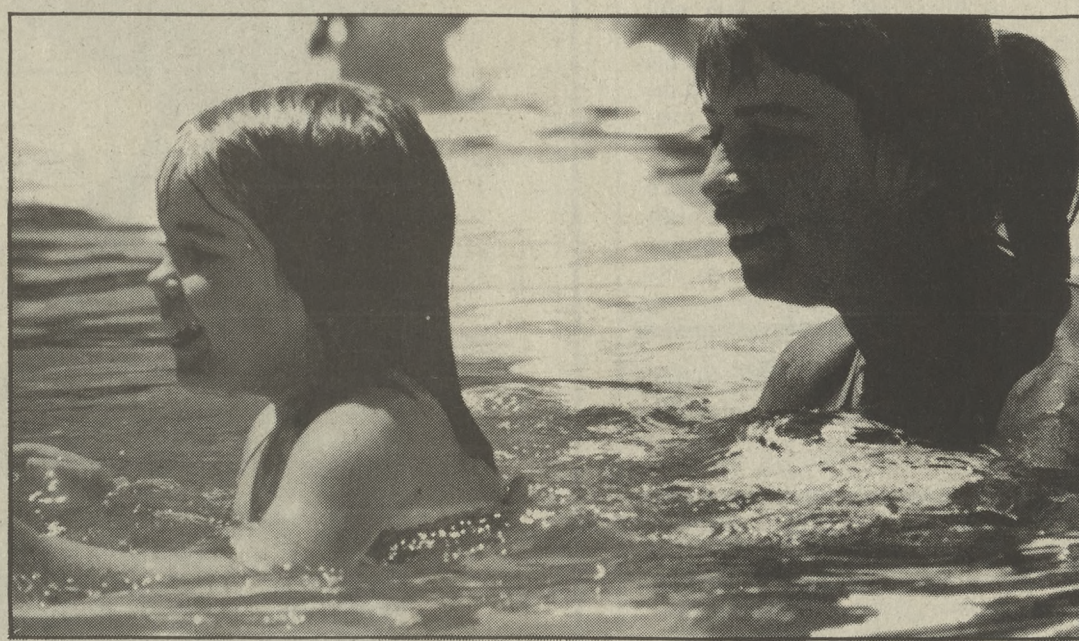


EN GARDE— Monroe Sheppard prepares to attack during fencing class.



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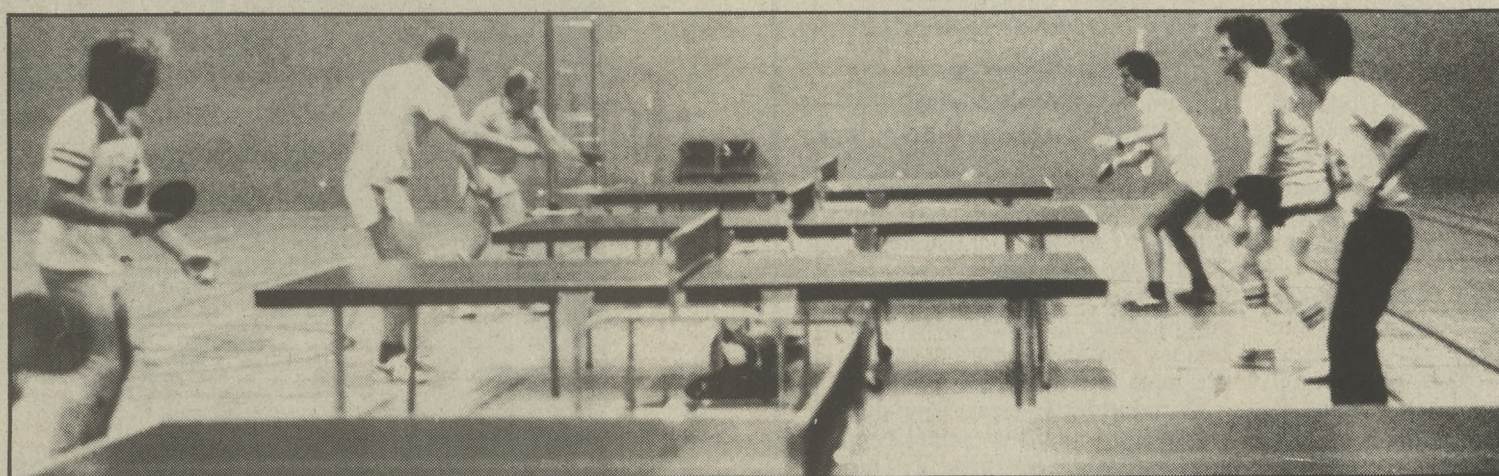
DANCING FOR JOY— Dance students Lisa Bird, Leah Cross, and Dollie Siles strut their stuff in class.



ALL WET— Janice Ford teaches beginning swimming skills to Regina Ross, 4, as part of the Water Safety Instructor class.



GETTING TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER— A practice foil hits the target.



YOUR SERVE— Students compete in a ladder progression during Ray Follosco's evening table tennis class.

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Vocational education: option for job training

By KATHLEEN MAHER and CAROLYN BARRY, Staff Editors

The community college's odd couple, academic studies and vocational training, reside under the same collective roof, but not always with the same level of activity. Vocational education abounds with waiting lists while some academic classes dwindle as the year progresses.

In statewide academic circles, the fight continues as to what is the community college's role for the future and which role will benefit the student more. This is still an ongoing discussion in Sacramento in an atmosphere of little money for education.

Traditionally, priorities have been concentrated toward general education programs. Students, though receiving knowledge, get little practical experience in their chosen major until after their graduation. On the other hand, the quicker two-year turn-around for vocationally-certified students in state-of-the-art technology provides earlier input back into the state's economy.

What is the function of the community college in the future with current financial difficulties? Can state-of-the-art equipment be maintained at Valley in light of the stringent budget cuts by the state without a long-range mechanism built into the budget?

Nearly every student is aware of the complex equipment in Computer Science, but state-of-the-art technology on campus doesn't end with that department. Departments varying from Broadcasting or Engineering on through Business Administration, to name a few, bulge with waiting lists for their two-year programs.

However, the shortcomings of maintaining the vocational program's equipment, according to Mary Ann Breckell, vice-president, administration, is finding the funds both for the high cost of maintaining the complicated computer equipment and teacher back-up.

"Our biggest problem is that funding is so minimal for the district

It's not adequate to cover the expenses we have now," she said. "The reality of the situation is 'can we provide for that equipment four years down the line?' Basically, for five years, we have been in a situation where you have to give up something to get something."

Financial difficulties are not the only consideration. Demands for vocational training are rising and waiting lists for programs are lengthening, as reflected in the 100 or so students turned away each semester from computer science and office administration.

"Students' demands and needs should be considered in what colleges offer," said Frank Fisher, acting dean, academic affairs and responsible for overseeing vocational programming at Valley. "I think we're preparing students as well as anyone can. Maybe they speak with forked tongue, but the people from business and industry that come in here speak very highly of what we're doing and the people they get from us."

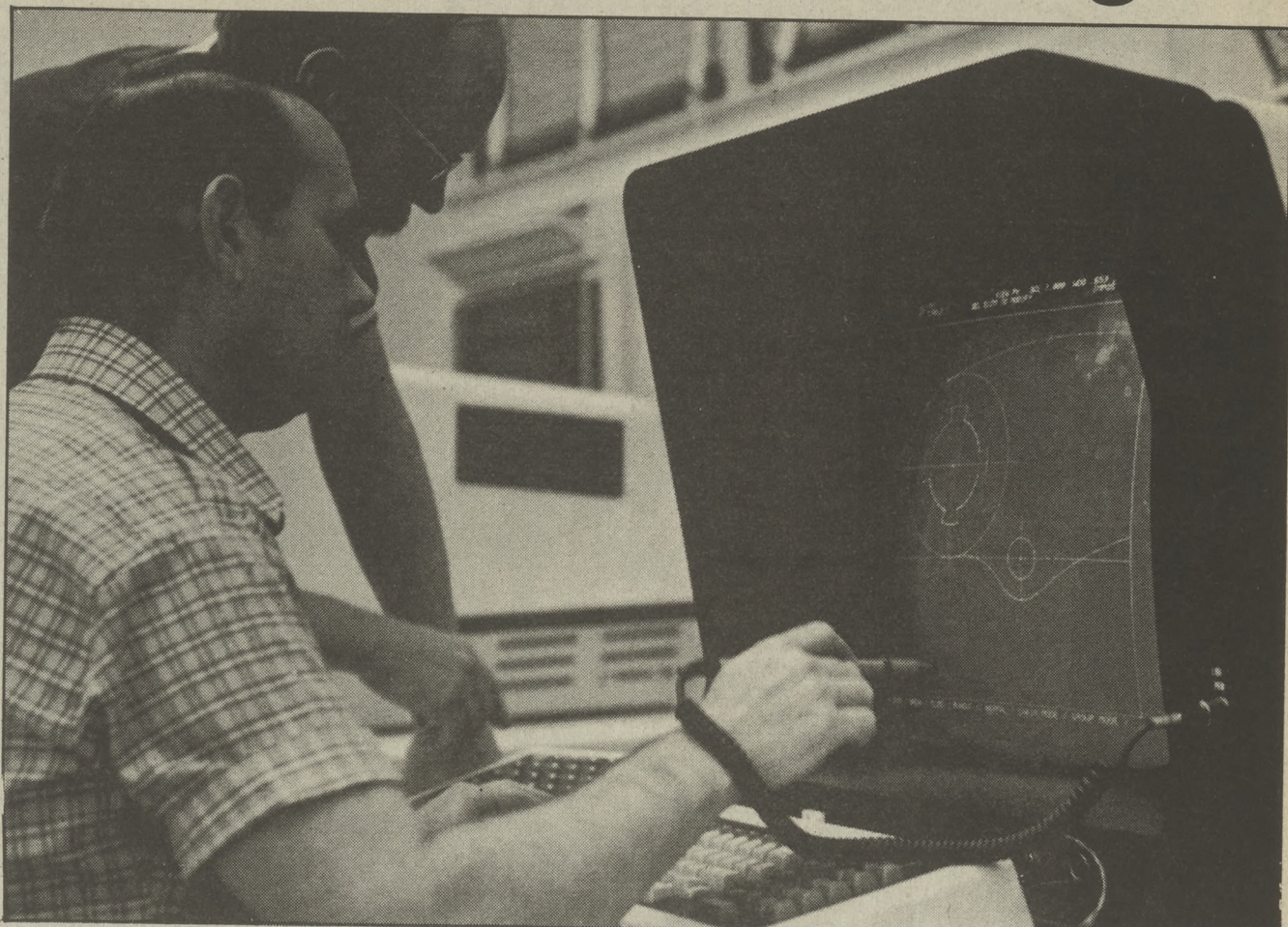
To prepare the student for the outside world, however, requires some creativity with today's budget. Two forms of federal funding are currently offsetting scarce state support. Both are aimed at students' development on up-to-date equipment for vocational programs.

Vocational Educational Act funding (VEA) of approximately \$104,000 has been provided to Valley yearly since 1980. Though the fund does not increase as inflation rises, each year department chairpeople vie for funds.

Armed with hopes, proposals and industry advisory recommendations, each department negotiates for its piece of the pie—in 1984, new electronic typewriters for Office Administration, micro-computers for Electronics and Business Administration, up-to-date respiratory equipment for Nursing, and Computer Science's customary 1/4 of the pie.

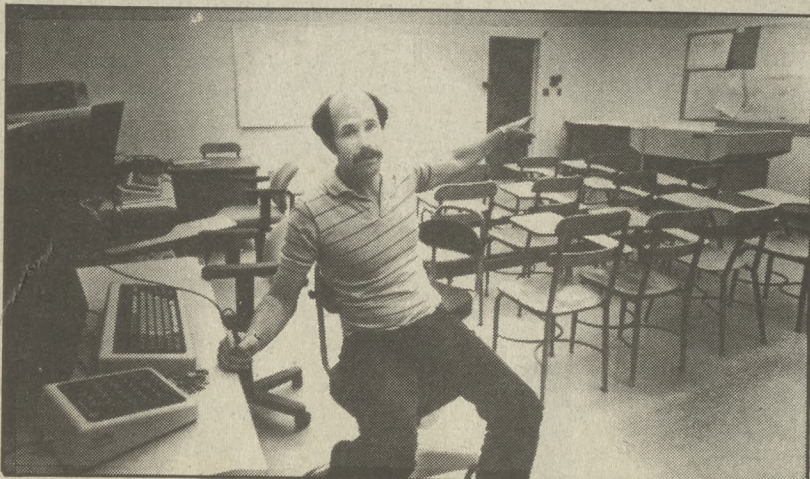
Still, it's not enough. Maintenance requirements and personnel shortages, not provided for by VEA, must always be a consideration in course offerings involving equipment.

Another alternative, though not



POINTING TO THE FUTURE—Peter Gilbert (far left) and Michael Ventor on CAD/CAM using light pen. JEFF ROTH / Valley Star

Lavoie: A pioneer in high tech action



PROJECT DIRECTOR BILL LAVOIE

DENISE MORGAN / Valley Star

By KATHLEEN MAHER, Assoc. Editorial Editor

"You have to have state-of-the-art technology in schools. Otherwise, you're not going to attract students to the program or be able to place students out in the real world."

This from a man, who if successful in his third bid for the district's \$9 million in federal employment training funds, will have brought over three-quarters of a million dollars (\$780,000), plus another \$185,000 in industry contributions to Valley College in little more than a year.

Department of Engineering Chairman William 'Bill' Lavoie's first acquisition for Valley was CAD/CAM (computer assisted design/computer aided manufacturing) and was introduced in the fall to engineering students. This system provides multi-dimensional computer design and was introduced in industry approximately five years ago. In addition to his teaching

Finding Lavoie, though his operation is principally based in the machine area of the Engineering Building, is hard to do. Primarily half his time is conducting classes operating lathing techniques on 1937 army surplus laths. But, if not there, he may be wedged behind a stubborn 'down' telex machine in the college's latest acquisition, a 50-foot trailer currently based at Lockheed, with \$350,000 worth of CNC computerized tooling equipment.

If his phone is not busy and classes have adjourned for the day, then most likely he is on his way to meet another potential industry sponsor for a new proposal for his students.

Even the current atmosphere of tight money and high maintenance costs for his equipment carry little threat to his plans.

"Now we have equipment, I think, no other community college in the state has anything comparable to."

—Frank Fisher

duties, Lavoie is project director of the CAD/CAM program.

"It's a real coup for this school," said Frank Fisher, assistant dean of instruction. "Now we have equipment I think no other community college in the state has anything comparable to."

"Not only sharp and with a very nice personality, Bill really moved out on this (CAD/CAM) when we first got the (funding) information," Fisher said recently. "He worked the summer at the district doing the background and legwork, lining up the people in industry for the retraining program."

Since the fall, students realize the fruits of his efforts during the day and retraining, according to Employment Training Panel (ETP) guidelines, takes place at night.

Neither Lavoie's ceaseless energy nor harried schedules betray his almost laconic style as he sits back listening to questions or ideas. Instead he appears ever patient and eager to listen, whether continuously interrupted by telephones or news of another emergency program that has to be developed. Yet a sudden ironic grin or hearty outburst of laughter betrays a compact, highly organized individual that has little time for mincing words when it comes to his universe of students and college.

Optimistic for the continued maintenance of the new programs after ETP funding dries up in two years, Lavoie said, "Hopefully, by then we will propose another program or have the maintenance down to a point where we can keep the cost to a minimum level. We'll have learned how to do maintenance on the thing ourselves."

In 1978, at age 30, a full-time machinist at Hughes Aircraft and a part-time teacher with a bachelor of arts degree in industrial education, he decided to make a "not quite lateral step sideways" to full-time teaching.

"It gave me a chance to grow in the fact that learning or accomplishing and doing something besides just eight hours a day of the same thing," he said.

With his department rising due to renewed industry interest in engineering, Lavoie measures his progress only in his personal growth, not by the smaller paycheck he opted for in exchange for teaching and longer hours, but by experiences.

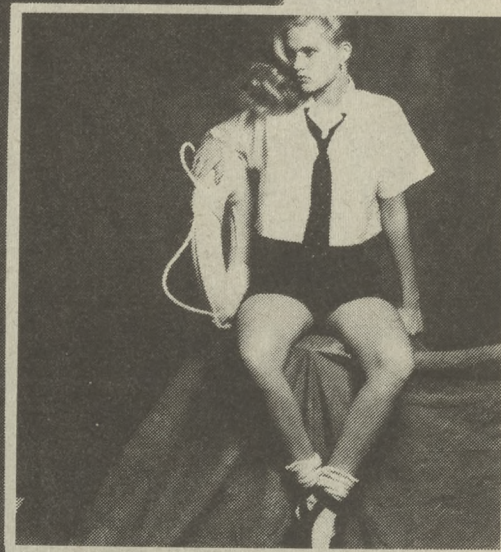
"I am now in the process of growing as you can well see. I don't care, it's the learning and it's the growth, it's life experiences."

It is late, classes are out for the day, but wiggling his keys and grabbing at carefully taped notes, he is off to another appointment, another new experience.



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Students show off for ASB talent

By AZADEH YAZDI N., Staff Writer

The second annual Associated Student Body (ASB) variety talent show will be presented tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall with 10 to 12 acts ranging from breakdancing to classical guitar.

The show is sponsored by the ASB and all of the entertainers are Valley College students.

There are two entry categories this year. In the first, a student enters as an individual and tries to win a prize for himself. In the department category, the student represents a club or department and the prize goes directly to that department or club.

According to ASB President Jeff Kaplan, director of the show, "There was originally a third category."

"We invited the faculty members to enter in our faculty category, but we did not get a single response. Even if one faculty member would have entered, he (or she) could have won first prize," said Kaplan.

"I'm so disappointed in the faculty. The students would have liked to see a second side of them."

Fifty acts auditioned this year in front of a panel of judges, but some did not make the grade or dropped out of the competition

for various reasons.

This year, the ASB has 12 members in their panel of judges made up of faculty members and a few Valley alumnus.

"We sent out letters to all sections of the campus inviting the faculty and administrators to join the panel, but we had very little response," said Kaplan.

The first place winners will receive \$100, second place \$50, and third place \$25 in each category. There are also \$3,000 worth of prizes to be given away including tickets to Dodgers, Lakers, and Rams games, radios, dinners for two at Malibu restaurants, and limousine services.

The ASB is trying to arrange some type of package for every entrant which includes a video of their performance. They have also invited 100 casting agencies to attend the show.

According to Kaplan, the show is a school activity. He said that students should get the college experience and not just attend classes.

"Teachers teach us how to act in life and how to interact with people. So, why don't we go ahead and start interacting now," Kaplan said.



ACTING TO WIN—Gert Eisler and Dolly White, representing the Broadcasting Club, rehearse for their performance in tonight's ASB-sponsored talent show.

Fine Arts: Threatened by budget cuts but still maintaining

By THERESA MCGOLDRICK, Staff Writer

Will there be enough classes offered next fall for students seeking majors and certificates in Theatre, Art, and Music?

Professor E. P. Mauk, chairman of the Theatre Arts Department describes budget cuts as a "snowball rolling down a hill that picks up a little more snow as it rolls."

The Theatre Arts Department has been given a higher budget for fall and even though Mauk has not yet tallied up the difference, he hopes the total budget will be equal to last years'.

The costume and make-up instructor resigned last fall and has not been replaced, leaving Valley without these classes which are part of the major and certificate programs.

Both the puppetry and mime classes are also no longer offered due to the loss of part-time faculty. "We may have to waiver the classes so students will not lose their majors," said Mauk.

As for plays, most of the productions are modern because modern costumes and stage sets are cheaper. The Art Department has also had to cut classes. Three years ago, they had 364 contact teaching hours while this fall they will only have 227 hours, about a one-third cut.

Contact hours dictate how many classes can be taught. Each full-time instructor teaches 15 contact hours a week and as a result, classes have had to be cut because there are no instructors to teach them.

According to H. Klein, Associate Professor of Art and Department Chairman, some classes like Art Production and Illustration are offered only during the day. This

makes it impossible for night students to take these classes and obtain their certificates.

Oil painting classes are no longer offered, and the number of ceramics classes have been cut in half as there is only one full-time and three part-time instructors left in the department.

"We used to offer two print making classes and two labs. Now we only have one class and no labs," said Klein.

"Students are being denied seeing art exhibitions on campus that used to be sponsored by the Gallery class" because the class has been eliminated, said Klein. There were, although, two exhibitions in spring that were made possible through special funding.

The craft department has also been hit hard. There used to be two sculpture classes offered, now there is only one.

"The department has lost some very good teachers," said Klein. "I hope that we have bottomed out."

"The football band after 25 years has had to be cut," said Professor R. Carlson, chairman of the Music Department.

The music instructors are teaching split shifts due to a 90 per cent drop in part-time help. They went from 13 to two part-time instructors.

"We are barely maintaining the Music Major program," said Carlson. "The Commercial Music certificate is in jeopardy."

As another result of budget cuts, Valley no longer offers Jazz Appreciation, Opera Workshop, or Recording Arts classes.

Opera goes to Wonderland

By LAURA TANIS, Staff Writer

Tired of paying \$20 to \$30 to see a professional opera? This weekend three famous one-act operas will be presented at Valley College for a fraction of the cost.

"This is the best entertainment buy in the city," said Dr. Robert Chauls, Valley music professor and the music director of the operas.

"Alice in Wonderland," "The Face on the Ballroom Floor," and "Sweet Betsy from Pike" will be performed in the Little Theatre this Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26 at 8 p.m.

"The idea is not just to produce local operas," said Chauls. "It has been proven by hundreds of audiences that all three operas are very popular."

"Many people are scared of operas because they think it's hooty singing stuff."

"Alice in Wonderland," a fantasy taken from Lewis Carroll's novel, was the second most performed opera, next to "Amahl the Night Visitors" by Gian-Carlo Menotti, in 1981-82 and has been seen by over 200,000 children and adults throughout the United States and Canada. It stars Terri Cannicott as Alice, and is composed by Chauls.

Former Valley student Tara Sitzer, stage director and choreographer of "Alice," also performs as the Cheshire Cat and the White Rabbit. David Darling is the Dutchess, and Marilyn Sanders is the Queen of Hearts. Larry Rush is the Mock Turtle; David Shapiro is cast as the Gryphon. Several parts are to be performed by children.

"The Face on the Barroom Floor," composed by Henry Mollicone, was commissioned for the Central City Opera in Central City, Colorado and has been performed there every summer since 1978. The western melodrama with "shocking surprises" is directed by Marc Jacobs.

Janey Patrick, David Hart, and Paul Nakauchi all perform two characters, one from the 19th century and one from the 20th.

"Sweet Betsy from Pike," composed by Marc Bucci and also directed by Jacobs, is a spoof on the well-known folksong of the same



THROUGH THE SINGING GLASS—Terri Cannicott as Alice and David Darling as the Dutchess in Robert Chauls' production of 'Alice in Wonderland,' playing Friday, May 25, and Saturday, May 26, at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

name. Terri Cannicott plays Betsy, David Darling is Ike, and Marilyn Sanders sings the part of the narrator. Sanders also designed and constructed the costumes for all three operas.

"Many people are scared of operas because they think it is hooty singing stuff," said Chauls. "However, they will see the art form of the opera and how very entertaining these enjoyable works can be. We have some very talented people working with us," he said.

General admission for the operas is \$7. Students and senior citizens will be charged \$5.

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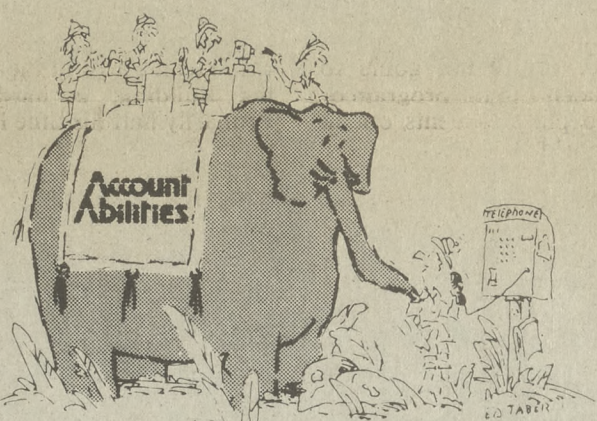
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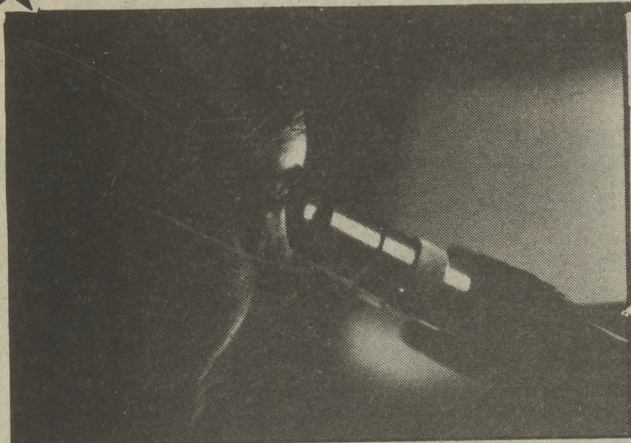
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Valley Free Clinic

'A right — not a privilege'



By AZADEH YAZDI N., Staff Writer

The old building on Lankershim Boulevard doesn't look very sturdy from the outside, but it gives much-needed security to the people on the second floor inside—at the Valley Free Clinic.

The clinic provides women's health care, individual and family counseling, drug programs, legal counseling, and sexually-transmitted disease screening and treatment programs.

Women receive complete gynecological examinations, as well as pregnancy testing, diagnosis, and birth control education. A donation of \$10 to \$35 is asked for these services.

"Free" is defined as a state of mind rather than an economic term and characterizes the clinic's philosophy that services are rights of the individual rather than privileges.

Also provided is a legal staff with which civil matters may be discussed. Clients are advised on legal issues before hiring an attorney.

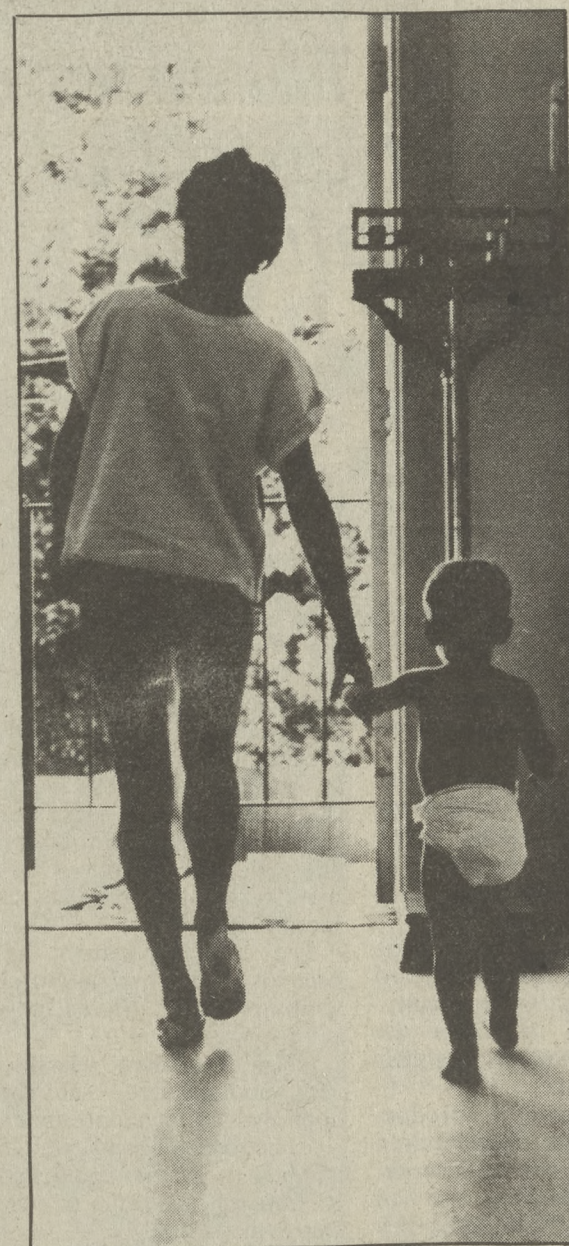
Long and short term counseling services are available with interns working under the supervision of licensed psychologists, psychiatrists, and marriage, family, and child counselors.

Workers at the clinic consist of volunteers from all walks of life—doctors, lawyers, counselors, nurses, and medical assistants. They donate time, money, and supplies.

According to Diane Chamberlain, director of development, the changing economic and social conditions have made free and community clinics more important than ever as an increasing number of people find the cost of conventional health care more and more prohibitive.

"Most patients cannot afford private doctors, so they come to this clinic," said Suzan Bryant, administrative assistant in the medical department. "Some just like the warm atmosphere and information that we provide them."

The clinic is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Fridays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The women's health care program is available Tuesday through Thursday, while the hours for the sexually transmitted disease clinic are Tuesday mornings for both men and women, and Friday afternoons for men only. Legal counseling is offered Monday through Thursday evenings, and individual and family counseling Monday through Friday at all times.



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